

I rise today to urge this House to continue advocating for victims of domestic violence and to continue the fight against domestic violence.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, a non-profit organization working tirelessly and cooperatively against the scourge of domestic violence, an estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year. One in four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime and, at this point, one in six have already experienced an attempted or completed rape. I spent 33 years of my life in law enforcement, often on the front lines combating acts of domestic violence. During that time, I saw many horrific things. I have seen lives end, communities shattered and families torn apart due to domestic violence. The human cost of domestic violence in this country is astronomical. It touches lives in big cities, small towns and everywhere in between. Domestic violence knows no boundaries.

Violence is often a destructive cycle. A boy who witnesses acts of violence between parents or caretakers is twice as likely to become a perpetrator of domestic violence as an adult. Even worse, children who witness abuse and are themselves abused are even more prone to acts of domestic violence in adulthood. Generations of Americans have failed to break this terrible cycle of violence and even more alarmingly, many of those same Americans refuse to properly identify acts of domestic violence and seek help or protection. I ask the members of this House to remember these facts throughout this month and to please do everything in their power to combat domestic violence in congressional districts across the country. Support the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence and other like minded organizations. Support local law enforcement. Support community organizations like the Boys & Girls Club and churches. Urge your constituents to be mindful of the devastating effects of domestic violence.

Domestic violence is debilitating to families, communities and the United States as a whole and is entirely preventable. Every day, we have the opportunity to remind our constituents and our families to work together to rid our communities of domestic violence. As we make progress and fight against this injustice within, we must stay vigilant.

A TRIBUTE TO ED MCBRIDE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor my dear friend, Ed McBride. After I was appointed to the Chair of the House Administration Committee, our colleagues nicknamed me the "Mayor of Capitol Hill." Since he became a manager in the Government Relations Department in 1991, Ed has been known as Mayor of PECO.

Ed McBride started working at PECO on September 15, 1969 as a Transportation Mechanic. For those of us in government, and for the people we serve, Ed is PECO. He acts as

a voice for the customers within the company and as a voice for the company and its employees in the community.

Madam Speaker, Ed McBride is the consummate professional. He is also a gentleman in every sense of the word. I'm proud to say that Ed is my colleague, my constituent and my friend. I ask every Member of Congress to join me in honoring his 40 years of service today.

RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS TREATMENT EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 1793 the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009. This important bipartisan bill reauthorizes a program that has provided some of the most critical services to our country's most vulnerable populations for nearly two decades.

As you know, according to the CDC, approximately 1.1 million Americans are currently living with HIV/AIDS. While we have made tremendous strides in the treatment of HIV, prolonging and improving the lives of those with the disease, the need for funding to provide treatment to all those living with HIV/AIDS has, accordingly, greatly increased.

Furthermore, this epidemic has had an alarmingly disproportionate impact on communities of color. African Americans account for roughly 50% of HIV/AIDS diagnoses and Hispanics/Latinos 18 percent. We must properly address this troubling disparity and continue to work for improved access and treatment for racial and ethnic minorities living with HIV/AIDS.

The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program offers a comprehensive, cost-effective solution to these challenges. Ryan White has been a monumental success and has most certainly contributed to the decline in the number of AIDS cases and deaths due to HIV/AIDS. S. 1793 is an important piece of legislation and I urge my colleagues to support it.

HONORING HEATHER CHRISTENSEN

HON. JIM MATHESON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. MATHESON. Madam Speaker, Utah has lost a local treasure with the passing of Ms. Heather Christensen of American Fork, Utah.

Heather Christensen is remembered by her joyfulness. Her friends and family said she was always smiling, laughing, and positive. As the woodwind section instructor for the American Fork High School band, she was known to work 18 hours a day. Heather was known to arrive at school early in order to help individual students and make sure they had a

good experience. Her close friends said she believed in positive reinforcement as a way to motivate students.

Heather died trying to save 46 American Fork high school band students on October 12, 2009. A bus carrying the band crashed on Interstate 15 as they were returning after winning a competition at Idaho State University in Pocatello. After witnessing the bus driver pass out, she reached for the wheel and tried to steer the bus back to the road but fell out a window as the vehicle rolled. About 30 students sustained minor injuries, but thanks to Heather's fast action, none had life-threatening injuries.

Heather was a very talented young woman, who played multiple instruments and sang. Her family said she could play any instrument by ear and had perfect pitch. She was said to have been living her dream by working with the nationally recognized American Fork High band.

Heather grew up in American Fork and was the third of six children. She was the drum major at American Fork High School, and was also the student conductor for the school's a cappella choir. She went on to become a drum director at the University of Utah, where she earned both a bachelor's and masters in music education.

People have called Heather's actions heroic and I want to take a moment to honor this Utahn for her courage.

IN TRIBUTE TO INSPECTOR JEFFREY MADDREY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jeffrey Maddrey, Inspector of the 75th Precinct and an honorable public servant.

Inspector Maddrey is a graduate of John Jay College, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology, and is also a graduate of Columbia University's Police Management Institute. Inspector Maddrey is presently pursuing a Master's Degree in Human Services Management and Leadership at St. Joseph's College.

Inspector Maddrey became a member of the New York City Police Department in 1991 at the age of 20. Upon graduation from the Police Academy, Inspector Maddrey was assigned to the 110th Precinct in Queens, New York. He was promoted Sergeant in 1998.

Upon his promotion to Lieutenant in 2001, he served in the 67th Precinct, then successfully in various capacities as Captain in the 72nd, 60th, and 70th Precincts, and Commander of the Brooklyn South Task Force. On January 1, 2006, Captain Maddrey was assigned to the 73rd Precinct as Commanding Officer. He was then promoted to Deputy Inspector in December of 2006 and Inspector in November of 2008. Inspector Maddrey is currently the Commanding Officer of the 75th Precinct and also a member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives. His service to the residents of East New York, Brooklyn is exemplary.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jeffrey Maddrey.